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- 25X1A2q On 7 January 1949, a meeting took place of the Brandenburg Landespolized concerning the tightening of the blockade around the Western Sectors of Berlin 1. The substance of the discussion was very similar to that described in
- 2. Brandenburg boundary patrols will be increased by 900 additional men. Comment: For details on previous increase see 25X1A2g



- There was a disagreement among top officials on how strictly blockade controls should be applied, especially in regard to persons purchasing in "Free Stores" in Potsdam.
- Richard Staimer, high official of the Russian Zone police, held out for uncompromising action at all times and proposed rigid boundary control measures, including wooden barriers, barbed wire, etc., but was strongly opposed by old line KPD men, including the president of the Brandenburg police, on the grounds that these measures would be politically unwise. The matter is to be brought before Rau head of the DWK. for decision. 25X1A2g before Rau, head of the DWK, for decision.

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Comment: According to Staimer was to be appointed chief of Border and Paramilitary Police by 15 December 1948.)

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